

TEXAS LIONS MD-2 OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH CONTESTS

DRUG AWARENESS SPEECH CONTEST

2019 – 2020

“OPIOID ADDICTION AND INTERVENTIONS“

ESSAY SUBJECT:

Drug addiction both to illicit drugs and prescription drugs is a common issue in the United States and worldwide. The line between illicit drugs and prescription drug abuse is less distinct as a growing number of legitimate prescriptions become diverted to the illicit market. All forms of drug abuse, illicit or otherwise, place individuals at high risk of developing substance abuse disorders and should be addressed immediately.

Opioids have become widely prescribed for pain relief with great benefits, but due to their wide use, there is a significant potential risk of them being abused. Although the problem has not been eliminated, there are interventions set in place to help with the problem. Discuss at least two types of interventions with emphasis on the therapeutic benefits, and how you may be able to help steer your friends away from using opioids.

CONTEST RULES:

- a. The title of the Contestant's speech is not required to be the same as the Subject for the speech. Contestants should be creative in the selection of a speech title and set the tone for their presentation with the title they choose.
- b. The presentation should analyze the problem given in the subject and present a solution or solutions to the problem.
- c. Research for this topic can be conducted by interviewing school officials, teachers, judges, law enforcement personnel, probation personnel, counselors, juvenile court officials, legislators, medical personnel and by using the internet and the library.
- d. The topic is broad and allows the contestant considerable leeway in the selection of their solution or solutions.
- e. Sources of data and quotes should be identified by title, author and date published (year if known).
- f. Creative, innovative, practical, and reasonable ideas are welcome.
- g. The speech will be from five (5) to seven (7) minutes in length.
 - i. A monitor will signal contestants at five (5) minutes and at six and one half (6 1/2) minutes.
 - ii. At seven (7) minutes, the monitor will signal and five (5) points will be deducted from the contestant's score.
 - iii. A speech of less than five (5) or more than seven and a half (7 1/2) minutes will be disqualified.
 - iv. Should a disturbance occur during a speech, the contest monitor will adjust the time accordingly.
- h. Notes, cue cards and video equipment may not be used at District or MD- 2 State contests.

NOTE:

Once a Student has committed to entering the contest, there are other Responsibilities the Student must meet and Forms to fill out such as an Official Application, Code of Conduct Guidelines, Two (2) high quality wallet/passport photographs (such as current school picture) that are of the head and shoulders, glossy and in color and other Forms to be provided once Student registers as a Contestant.

If the Student wins at the local level – Lake Travis Lions Club, he/she must agree to continue to the next level(s) of Competition.

Lake Travis Lions Club Winner = \$100

District 2s3 Winner = \$1,000 First Place \$500 Second Place

MD2 Texas State Winner = \$3,000 First Place \$2,000 Second Place \$1,000 Third Place

DEADLINES:

Submit Speech to **Lake Travis Lions by December 17, 2019** – judging will take place on this date at their Evening Meeting at Maudie’s Tex-Mex Hill Country. The Judges will be persons who are knowledgeable about the Subject. The public is invited to be in the audience and to support the Contestants.

The **Winner** will go on to compete in the District 2s3 Level, January 2020 Time & Location = TBA

The **District Winner** will go on to compete in the Lions MD-2 Texas State Convention in Longview, TX on May 14-17, 2020

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND FOR FORMS once a student has committed to competing, please contact:

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